

06-1205. The Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 45 and 46 as follows. The claims that have not been amended are also reproduced below. A marked-up version of Claims 45 and 46, showing the changes made thereto, is attached.

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45. (Amended) A light conductive member comprising a light entrance face in a part of a lateral face other than an end in the longitudinal direction of a rod-shaped translucent member; an inclined lateral face relative to said light entrance face on a side opposed to said light entrance face, for reflecting and/or diffusing an entering light beam into the longitudinal direction of said rod-shaped translucent member; and an exit face in at least a part of a lateral face, for emitting at least a part of said reflected and/or diffused light beam.

46. (Amended) A light conductive member according to claim 45, further comprising a reflecting and/or diffusing area, on a side opposed to said exit face, for further

reflecting and/or diffusing the light beam reflected and/or diffused by the first-mentioned area.

47. (Not Amended) A light conductive member according to claim 45, wherein the cross sectional area of said rod-shaped translucent member becomes progressively smaller, in comparison with that at said light entrance face, toward the ends along the longitudinal direction.

48. (Not Amended) An illuminating device comprising a light conductive member according to any one of claims 45, 46 or 47 and a light source for irradiating the light entrance face of said light conductive member with light.

49. (Not Amended) An illuminating device according to claim 48, wherein said light source is an LED.

50. (Not Amended) An illuminating device according to claim 48, wherein said light source is composed of plural light-emitting members with mutually different light emission wavelength ranges.